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Obama: Russia plan for Syria chem arms 'potentially positive'



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said Monday that a Russian plan for Syria to hand over its chemical weapons was "potentially positive" and pledged to take it seriously.

But, in a CNN interview, Obama warned against any stalling tactics from Syria, and said the fact there was any talk of a diplomatic way out of the crisis was only down to his administration's threats of military action.

"It is a potentially positive development," Obama said of the Russian plan, as he gave interviews to six television anchors as part of a fierce push to win backing from Congress on strikes against Syria.

"I have to say that it's unlikely we would have arrived at that point where there were even public statements like that without a credible military threat."

The president said he had asked his Secretary of State John Kerry to work with Rus-

sia to see if Moscow's suggestion of a deal, which would see Syrian chemical weapons placed under international supervision, was possible.

"This is a continuation of conversations I've had with President Putin for quite some time," Obama told PBS.

"If we can exhaust these diplomatic efforts and come up with a formula that gives the international community a verifiable, enforceable mechanism to deal with these chemical weapons in Syria, then I'm all for it."

Obama admitted in another interview with NBC News that he was not yet certain that he would win congressional backing for a new US military venture in the Middle East.

"I'm confident that the members of Congress are taking this issue very seriously and they're doing their homework and I appreciate that."

"Aruban Sensation" Xander Bogaerts has U. S. sportscasters singing his praises



It was an exciting week for baseball fans of the Boston Red Sox, along with Arubans, as native-son Xander Bogaerts proved his worth in a series of games against the New York Yankees. While both teams are making a run for the pennant, Boston beat New York in three straight games, with his first Major League home run and three RBI's from Xander Bogaerts, as well as some plays as shortstop that prompted sportscasters to dub him "The Aruba Sensation."

Only 20 years old, Xander distinguished himself two years ago as part of the team from the Netherlands that won the World Cup of Baseball, for which he received a royal decoration here on Aruba and named a Knight in the Order of the House of Orange. He was playing in the Minor Leagues at the time.

In mid-August he was called up from the minors to the "Big Show" to play for the Red Sox. He had hit .297 with an .865 OPS in 116 games for Double A Portland

and Triple A Pawtucket this season. Scouts and media evaluators ranked Bogaerts among the top four or five prospects in the game, and he is considered the Red Sox's #1 prospect. He became the youngest Red Sox position player since 20-year-old Dwight Evans in 1972.

In a few short weeks he proved his worth during the three games against New York, hitting his first Major League homerun on September 7th.

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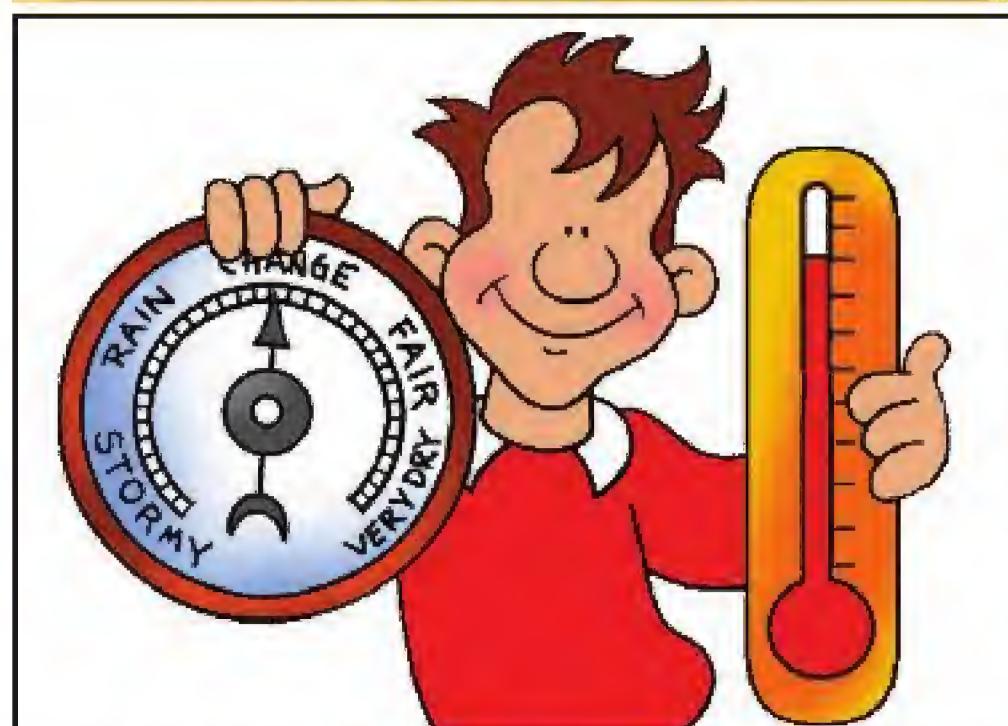


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ARUBA'S WEATHER UPDATE



WEATHER PROGNOSTIC VALID TILL TUESDAY AFTERNOON 5:00 PM SEPTEMBER 10 2013

COMPILED: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9 2013 17:00 (21:00 UTC)

WEATHER: PARTLY CLOUDY TO MOSTLY SUNNY AND DRY SAHARAN DUST IS ENTERING OUR AREA.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE 34 CENTIGRADE
MINIMUM TEMPERATURE 28 CENTIGRADE

SUN UP 06:29 AM SUN DOWN 06:44 PM.

WIND: MODERATE WINDS DIRECTION EAST AVERAGE 18 KTS GUSTING UP TO 38 KTS.

GENERAL SITUATION: DRY AND STABLE AIR FROM THE TROPICAL ATLANTIC IS MOVING IN TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

THIS AIR IS ACCOMPANIED WITH SAHARAN DUST SO VISIBILITY

MAY BE REDUCED A LITTLE.

TRADEWINDS REMAIN STEADY TILL WEDNESDAY AND DIMINISH AFTERWARDS.

MARINE CONDITIONS:

WAVE DIRECCION WILL BE EAST-NORTH-EAST WITH WAVE HEIGHTS BETWEEN 5 TO 8 FEET.

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

TROPICAL STORM HUMBERTO IS 5,050 KM EAST OF ARUBA MOVING WEST WITH 19 KMPH.

THIS STORM POSES NO THREAT TO ARUBA.

EXPECTATIONS FOR NEXT WEEK:

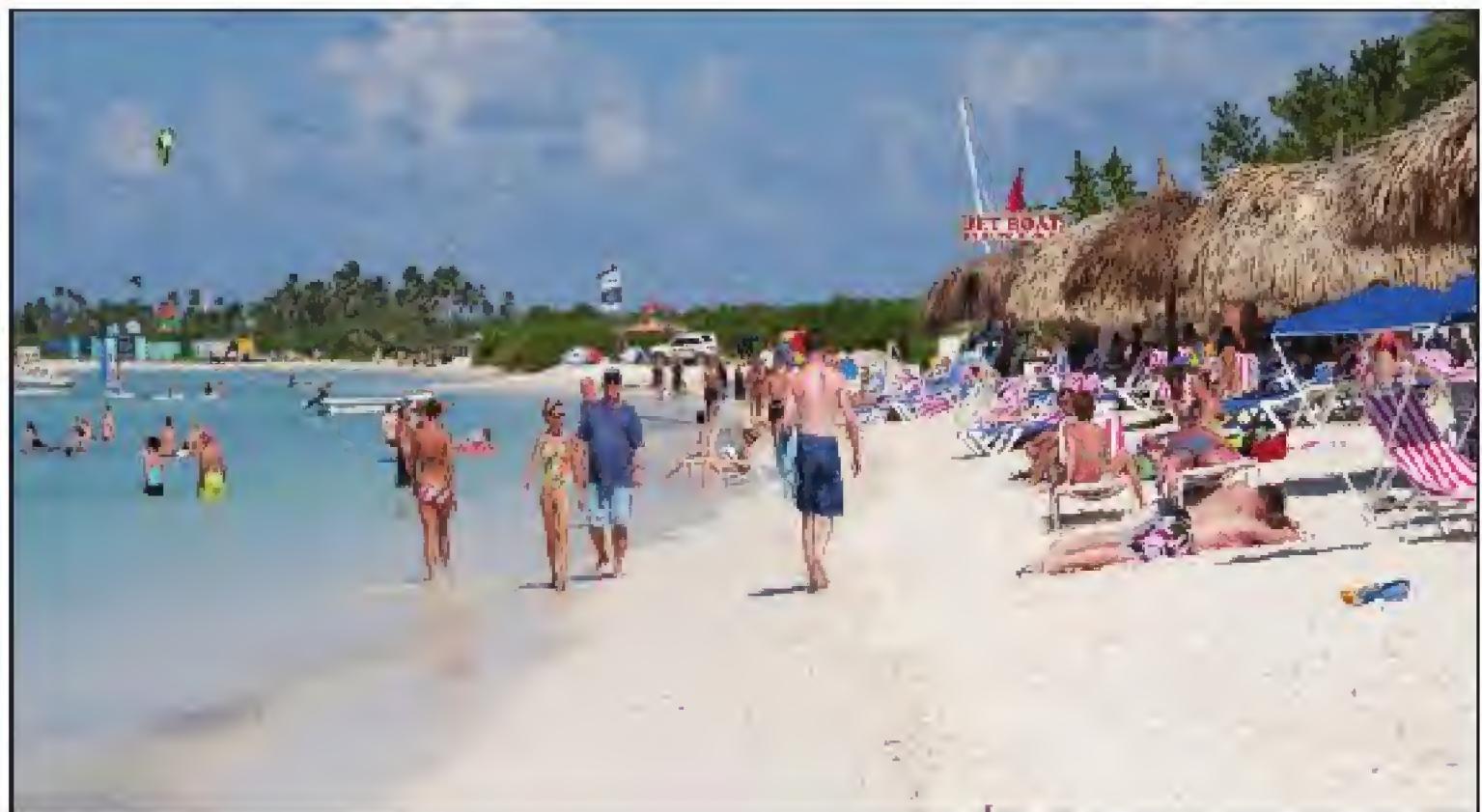
WEATHER WILL BE DRY ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THEN BECOME A LITTLE MORE MOIST.

WINDS WILL BE NORMAL TILL WEDNESDAY AND DIMINISH AFTERWARDS.

TEMPERATURE WILL A TAB ABOVE NORMAL.

OBSERVED TEMPERATURE (CENTIGRADE) AND RAINFALL (MM) IN THE LAST 24 HOURS:

Aruba registers tourism increase for first 8 months of the year



Tourism results are usually published in the first week after the month closes and the results of August are again very positive. Aruba has seen an increase of 5.76% in the month of August with respect to the number of visitors to our island compared to that of August of last year.

One remarkable aspect in this increase is that the US had a significant increase of 3.94%. The North East market (our primary US market) has seen an increase of 10.42%.

Despite the fact that the Dutch market saw a decrease of 8.63%, the other markets have shown increases. The Canadian market increased by 2.87%, Venezuela by 6.42%, Colombia by 5.38%, Brazil increased by 41.37% and Argentina by 11.48%. This combination has given us a positive result of an increase of 5.76% in the first eight months of the year 2013.

The Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber was very sat-

isfied with these results. These results indicate that for the first 8 months of the year we have seen an increase in tourism arrivals of 5.92%. This makes the increase almost double for what was stipulated for 2013.

The Minister remarked that... "we will close the year with an increase of 6% of tourist arrivals compared to

2012 which also had a significant increase." He concluded, "...I am happy to see that we are growing consistently. This is indicative of the fact that we are working hard and our different partners in the industry are doing their share of the work. Hence, our island can enjoy these results.

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Xander Bogaerts

Nombre: Xander Bogaerts
Categoría: Baseball

Logo:
E oportunidad di realisa mi sono di hunga baseball na un nivel profesional. Pa logra esaki como hoven bo mestre gustla kico bo la faci, practica cu disciplina y muestra respet pa bo compañeronaan.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
(Phil. 4:13)

Xander Bogaerts honored in a new school agenda for aruban students

Xander had not played for several days prior to this spectacular game, which was all the more important to him because it was on his mother's birthday. He tweeted to his fans "Great win today @RedSox .. feels great to hit my first ML homer on my mom's b-day!! Thank you everyone for the wishes!" When interviewed on television afterwards, he called his stunning 450-ft hit into the centerfield bleachers a "birthday gift for my mom." He gingerly made his way around the bases suffering with a severe leg cramp, which fortunately eased off for the rest of the game. This also makes him the youngest player to hit a homer for the Red Sox since Dwight Evans.

During the game he also had three RBI's and thrilled

the crowd and sportscasters with a smooth, barehanded play to throw out All Star Second Basemen Robinson Cano at first. This was judged by sports reporters as the "3rd top Major League play of the week."

Keith Law of ESPN said of Bogaerts when he was first brought to the majors, "'Still just 20 years old, Bogaerts has been playing solid shortstop for Portland with a solid walk rate but isn't yet generating the power expected from his explosive swing."

Because of his freshman rookie status, Xander has not played that much as yet, but his coach acknowledged that when he does "he always produces."

The ball from his first home run was retrieved by the fans and turned over to

officials, so it could be awarded to him as a memento of that special day. When asked, he promised to bring it back to Aruba to place in his parent's home.

Two years ago, when Xander was decorated, his image was also unveiled on the "Wall of Fame" at Paseo Herencia Shopping Center, where outstanding island athletes, who have distinguished themselves during international competition, are honored. His family was present for that special day.

The staff and management of THE MORNING NEWS congratulate his family on what we are certain is the start of great career in the Major Leagues and many more headlines.

By Rosalie Klein

ELMAR N.V. to begin campaign to actualize their data base

ELMAR N.V. (Aruba's electric distribution company) has begun a process to install a new system for collecting new data with the objective of providing better service to their clients.

Elmar considers it very important to keep their residential and commercial clients well informed. They also consider it important to have an actualized data base of their clients. The goal of this is to improve the service offered to their clients.

To actualize their data base, ELMAR has issued a form which is available at all branches. Forms can be picked up at the Oranjestad office, San Nicolaas and at Hato. Those who prefer to

download the form through the internet can do so by going to www.elmar.aw.

The form can be downloaded and returned to customerservice@elmar.aw, or this can be returned to one of the ELMAR offices closest to you.

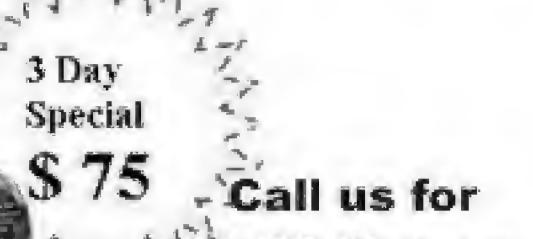
ELMAR is very grateful for the cooperation they expect to receive from everyone. They emphasize that all information will be treated with very strict confidentiality, and that the information will be used only for the purpose indicated.

For more information regarding this campaign you may contact their Customer Service Department at telephone 523-7100.

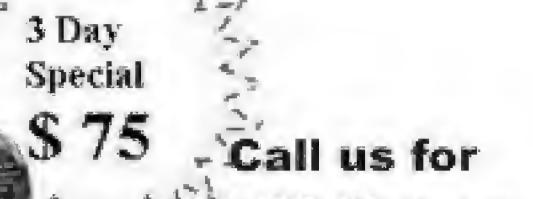
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Norway's 'Iron Erna': Face of change, not revolution



OSLO, Norway (AFP) - Tact and firmness are qualities often associated with Erna Solberg, the second woman ever called upon to govern Norway, and she will need both to stay in power.

The big, blonde leader of the Conservative Party emerged a clear winner from Monday's election, likely replacing the centre-left coalition that has ruled since 2005, and the 52-year-old will now have to try to form a workable government with the help of parties stretching from the populist anti-immigration right to the moderate centre.

As Norway marks the centenary of female suffrage, it is almost symbolic that the nation propels a woman to the nation's top political post, following in the footsteps of Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Labour leader who was prime minister in the 1980s and 1990s.

But for Solberg personally, the election victory is the culmination of a career that

has been entirely devoted to politics.

A native of Bergen, a port city with a long history of international commerce, she entered parliament in 1989 at age 28, after studies in political science and economics.

She has not relinquished her post since then, apart from the period between 2001 and 2005, when she was minister of local government.

In that position she was also in charge of immigration, her tough handling of asylum cases earning her the nickname "Iron Erna".

She assumed the Conservative leadership in 2004 and came under pressure to give up the position a year later following poor results in national elections.

Instead she stayed on and reinvented the party with a focus on social issues. "People, not money" was the new motto.

"We understood that our self-image was a little bit different than the image that

people had of us," she said later.

She started visiting hospitals, retirement homes and schools more often, at the same time as she held on to the party's fiscal policies, for example a vow to reduce the wealth tax.

She has emphasised that she does not intend to dismantle the generous Norwegian welfare state, but rather to farm out certain public services to private contractors in order to improve efficiency.

"We are a liberal conservative party. We do not make revolutions. That's totally against our ideology," she has said.

Married and with two children, Solberg has broadened the Conservative voter base and made her party, until recently considered a little dusty and stuffy, attractive again.

She has been skillful at playing the role of "the woman next door", this summer inviting journalists to the cozy disorder of her home, complete with ironing board and booze bottles on the shelves.

But her competitive instincts are never far from the surface, even when she takes a break from her high-pressure political job. Her brief moments of leisure are spent playing Candy Crush, a popular online game.

She will now have to use all her talents to form a coalition encompassing the seemingly incompatible differences of her allies, stretching across the entire right half of the political spectrum.

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US judge drops bosses from Jackson death lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The judge in Michael Jackson's family's lawsuit against promoters AEG Live dismissed Monday claims against two executives accused over the 2009 death, leaving their firm as sole defendant.

Judge Yvette Palazuelos ruled that Jackson lawyers have not proved claims that AEG Live chief executives Randy Phillips and Paul Gongaware could be held responsible for the singer's death.

The trial, in which the late pop icon's mother Katherine Jackson accuses AEG Live of negligently hiring the doctor convicted over his death, started in April, and could wrap up later this month.

Phillips and Gongaware were named as defendants, along with AEG Live as a company. Both have faced

grillings earlier in the trial at the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Monday's decision streamlines the case before the jury, leaving the 12-strong panel to decide only if they thought AEG Live had negligently hired Conrad Murray and failed to supervise him properly.

Murray was jailed for four years in 2011 after being found guilty of involuntary manslaughter for administering the surgical anesthetic propofol to help Jackson, 50, cope with chronic insomnia.

The self-styled King of Pop died on June 25, 2009 at his rented Holmby Hills mansion, where he was living while rehearsing for the doomed "This is It" series of concerts in London, which was set to be followed by a world tour.

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to Dr. Richard Visser, Minister of Public Health, "this is a major accomplishment for Aruba as a small island." This was the work of various teams, various doctors and partners to achieve this. Visser remarked... "this is a benchmark which ensures the increase of the quality of our health care..."

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Venezuelan leader defends pullout from rights accord

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Monday defended his government's decision to withdraw from a regional human rights accord, charging that it serves the interests of the United States.

The socialist country will officially pull out of the American Convention on Human Rights on Tuesday, making good on a decision made by late president Hugo Chavez last year.

"It is the correct, fair decision that defends our fatherland from any attempt to dishonor it," Maduro told a news conference. "It is the best decision that our commander (Chavez) could have taken."

Local and international human rights group have urged Maduro to reconsider his predecessor's conclusion.

The convention allows individuals who exhaust all legal avenues in their countries to petition the Washington-based Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which then decides whether to refer the case to a court in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Maduro said the court and commission had "degenerated, they think they are a supranational power, they have power over legitimate governments."

The commission, he said, is held "captive by the interests of the US State Department."

The United States and

At least 43 dead in Guatemala bus crash

GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - A bus carrying scores of passengers plunged down a steep cliff in western Guatemala on Monday, leaving at least 43 people dead -- including babies -- and injuring 40 others, officials said.

The red bus fell 100 meters (330 feet) down the canyon, crashing next to a river in the municipality of San Martin Jilotepeque, 64 kilometers (40 miles) west of the capital, Guatemala City.

Rescue workers installed cables between the banks of the river to move the bodies on stretchers above the water, their grim task becoming more difficult as it started raining.

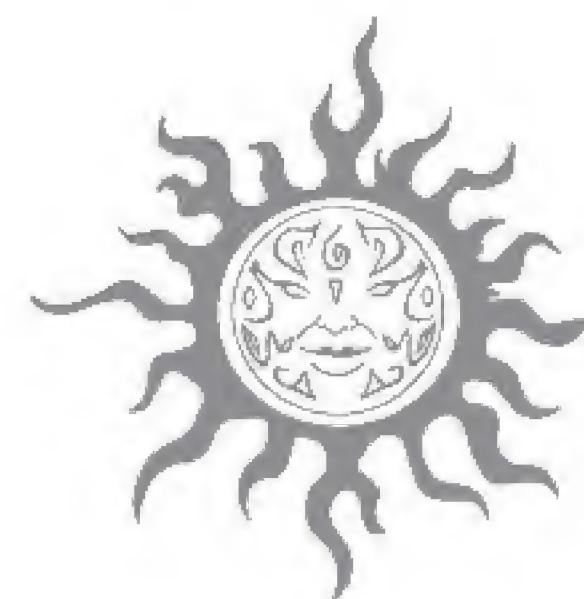
Local residents who rushed to the scene volun-

teered to help rescuers pull victims stuck in the wreckage.

The government said in a statement that the cause of the accident was not immediately known and an investigation was underway following initial reports of a brake malfunction.

Chavez decided to withdraw from the convention after the San Jose-based Inter-American Court of Human Rights condemned the "inhumane and degrading treatment" of Raul Diaz Pena while he spent six years in prison.

He had been jailed for his part in bomb attacks against diplomatic missions of Spain and Colombia in 2003.



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Court to deliver Delhi bus gangrape verdict

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A judge will hand down the verdict Tuesday on four men accused of the fatal gang-rape of an Indian student on a bus, which could see the defendants sentenced to death.

The parents of the popular physiotherapy student have been at the forefront of calls for the four to be hanged over the December 16 attack in New Delhi which triggered mass protests as well as new anti-rape laws.

Their 23-year-old daughter, who cannot be named for legal reasons, died of her injuries on December 29 in a Singapore hospital.

The four men, Mukesh Singh, Akshay Thakur,

Pawan Gupta and Vinay Sharma, have all pleaded not guilty to the charges which include murder, rape and theft.

A juvenile has already been jailed for three years, while a fifth adult defendant, bus driver Ram Singh, was found hanging in his prison cell in March while awaiting trial.

The seven-month trial has been held in a special fast-track court in south Delhi, with more than 100 witnesses called to give evidence, including 35 for the prosecution.

The presiding judge Yogen Khanna said last week that he would deliver his ver-

dict on September 10 after dismissing requests from defence lawyers for more time.

But last-minute legal challenges could still delay Tuesday's verdict. The sentence against the juvenile was deferred four times before being handed down.

During the trial, the prosecution laid out evidence against the four accused, including DNA, statements from a male companion who was beaten up during the attack, as well as the victim's dying testimony.

The victim and her companion had spent the evening watching a movie at a mall in south Delhi when they were picked up by a bus.

International News

France moves to toughen ban on religion in schools

PARIS (AFP) - France on Monday unveiled a new charter designed to reinforce rules banning religion from schools which have been a recurring cause of tension with Muslims and other faiths.

The "Charter for Secularity in School," is to be displayed in poster form in every state-funded school in the country in a move pioneered by the Socialist government's education minister, Vincent Peillon.

The 15-point statement contains nothing new in legal terms.

Instead, Peillon says, it represents an attempt to promote better understanding, and more consistent enforcement, of long-established principles which have their roots in the anti-clericalism of the French revolution and the country's 1905 law enforcing a strict separation of church and state.

Peillon's initiative was greeted coolly by leaders of France's five million Muslims, some of whom see the aggressive promotion of secularity as an assault on their culture and traditions.

Recent years have seen a

string of legal disputes arising from the exclusion from school of girls wearing headscarves in defiance of a 2004 law which prohibits the wearing of "ostentatious" religious symbols.

Dalil Boubakeur, the chairman of the French Muslim Council, said the charter's emphasis on that law and to the equality of girls and boys amounted to "allusions" to Islam which would trigger concern in the community.

"Ninety percent of Muslims are going to have the feeling they are being targeted by this charter," Boubakeur told AFP.

That interpretation was rejected by Peillon. "Secularity is about the equality of everyone in the Republic. There are those who think it is all about banning things. In fact it was what allows us to live together freely."

The charter starts out by emphasising that France "respects all faiths" and that the state is neutral in regard to them.

But critics wonder whether the model is suitable for modern-day, multicultural France and accuse the government of double standards.

They question whether a truly secular school system would allow Christmas trees or December visits by Santa Claus, and whether it would still observe holidays on Christian Saints days.

While the vast majority of school canteens dish up fish every Friday -- in keeping with Roman Catholic tradition -- any principal who provides halal meat for Muslim students risks incurring the wrath of militant secularists, whose cause is enthusiastically backed by the far-right, anti-immigration Front National.

The legislation has also caused much anguish among France's 30,000 Sikhs, whose male children are required by their faith to cover their hair from an early age.

In practice, many primary schools have continued to allow younger Sikh boys to wear the Rumal, a handkerchief-type covering, but turbans are banned -- a situation that effectively results in many Sikh teenagers giving up school earlier than they otherwise would.

France hit by another jewellery heist



PARIS (AFP) - Four men rammed their car into an up-market jewellery store in central Paris on Monday, smashing the shopwindow and making off with a two-million-euro (\$2.6-million) booty, a police source said.

The heist near the upscale Place Vendome is the latest to hit France after a spate of high-profile robberies in the southern resort of Cannes.

The police source, who wished to remain anonymous, said the men drove a large four-by-four car into the store in the early hours of the morning and grabbed jewellery and luxury watches worth an estimated two million euros.

They then set fire to the vehicle and escaped in another car.

Forensic policemen are currently going through the site of the robbery at the Casty store on Rue de Castiglione in the central first district of Paris, which is home to numerous jewellery shops.

At the end of July, an armed man carried out a brazen robbery in broad daylight at a diamond exhibition at the Carlton hotel in Cannes, making off with jewellery worth 103 million euros in one of the world's biggest ever heists.

Paris has also been the scene of high-profile robberies.

In December 2008, three men emptied almost all of the stock of gems from the Harry Winston jewellery store. In 2009, police said they had recovered 80 percent of the haul.

Online gambling firm fined for targeting Dutch punters

-- A Curacao-based gambling company has become the first to be fined for offering online bingo and roulette to Dutch punters without a licence, Nos television reports.

Globalstars has to pay a fine of €100,000 for breaking the law which says companies cannot target Dutch gamblers. The Dutch gambling authority issued a number of warnings to companies about their illegal practices a year ago, Nos said.

New rules are currently being drawn up to licence other gambling firms and are expected to come into force in 2015. At the moment, the Dutch state operates a gambling monopoly.



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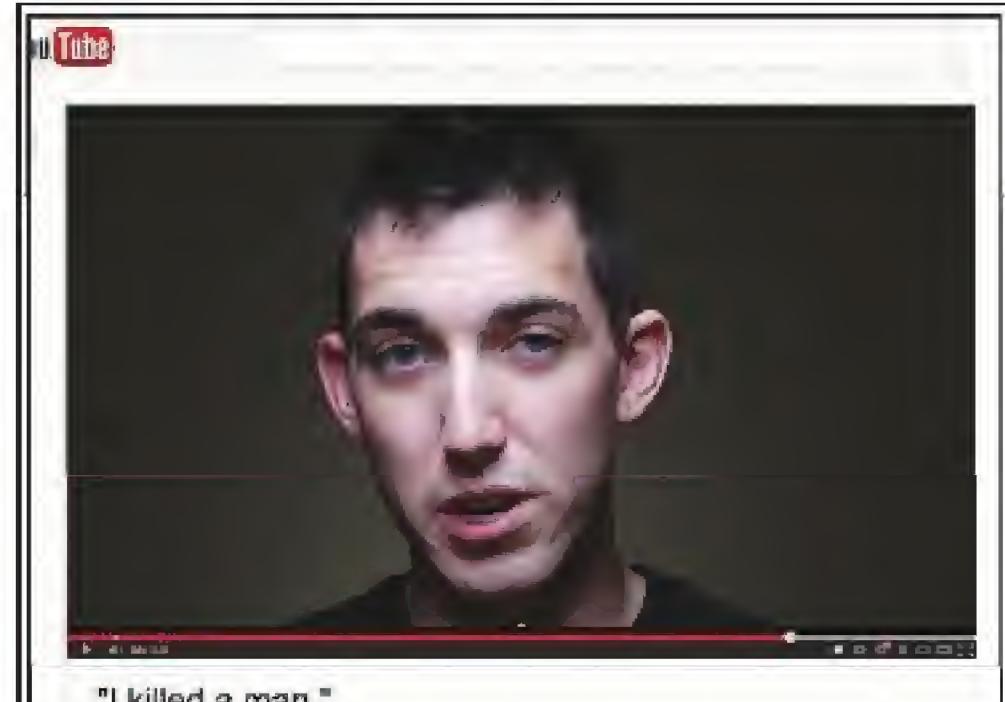
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"I killed a man."

CHICAGO (AFP) - A young Ohio man who confessed online to killing a man while driving drunk was charged with vehicular homicide Monday, court records show. Matthew Cordle, 22, was also charged with driving under the influence. Cordle recounted how he "blacked out" behind the wheel after a night of "heavy drinking" then hit another vehicle in a wrong-way crash on an Interstate highway on June 22. The video ends with Cordle looking into the camera and telling viewers: "I'm begging you. Please don't drink and drive. I can't bring Mr Canzani back ... but you can still be saved. Your victims can still be saved." Local news reports at the time of the accident said Canzani died at the scene of the pre-dawn crash, and that medical staff described the driver of the vehicle that hit him as "very, very drunk." Every day in the United States, almost 30 people are killed in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver, amounting to one death every 48 minutes, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

High radiation detected at Fukushima monitoring well: reports

TOKYO (AFP) - The operator of Japan's stricken Fukushima nuclear plant on Monday said that groundwater from an observation well near the site of a leaky storage tank showed high levels of radiation, according to reports.

The finding means that it "now seems more likely" that radioactive water from leaking tanks had mixed with groundwater in the area, Jiji press and Kyodo news agency quoted the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) as saying.

Many of the tanks were used to cool molten reactors wrecked by an earthquake and tsunami disaster in March 2011.

The well was found to have contained 3,200 becquerels per litre of beta-ray emitting materials, including strontium.

Last week, the Japanese government unveiled a half-billion dollar plan to stem the leaks by creating a wall of ice under the plant.

TEPCO also plans to use wells to pump up the groundwater before it seeps into the sea.

But, according to Kyodo news, the latest findings could affect that plan as the nearest pumping well is only 130 metres (140 yards) away from the monitoring site from where the sample was taken.

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Health & Living

Law limiting alcohol sales comes into force in Turkey

ANKARA (AFP) - A controversial law limiting the sale of alcohol near schools and mosques in Turkey came into force Monday, exposing an-

other faultline between secular liberals and the conservative Islamic-rooted government.

The new law forbids the sale of alcohol between 10pm

and 6am in shops, as well as at any time near schools and mosques.

Bottles will have to display messages warning of the dan-

gers of drinking, and advertising of alcoholic beverages will be banned on university campuses and television.

'Too fat' S. African wins reprieve from deportation

WELLINGTON (AFP) - An overweight South African threatened with deportation from New Zealand because of his obesity was Monday granted a 23-month reprieve.

However, Albert Buitenhuis will not be entitled to any publicly-funded health care over the next two years, associate Immigration Minister Nikki Kaye said.

Buitenhuis -- who now weighs 130 kilograms (286 pounds) -- appealed to the minister two months ago when his work visa renewal application was rejected because of the demands his obesity could place on New Zealand's health system.

When Buitenhuis and his wife Marthie moved from South Africa to the New Zealand city of Christchurch six years ago, Albert topped a massive 160 kilograms and until this year the annual work visa was renewed without any problem.

An Immigration New Zealand spokesman said in July that Buitenhuis was rejected because his obesity put him at "significant risk" of complications including diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and obstructive sleep apnoea.

A recent OECD report listed New Zealand as the third-most obese developed nation behind the United States and Mexico.

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The goal is to go live with the new system on September 5th, 2013. With this new system management will have better control of the inventories and will have more accu-

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Sci-Tech

Hong Kong launches electric bus in drive against pollution

HONG KONG (AFP) - Hong Kong's first battery-powered public bus took to the streets Monday as part of a drive against the city's choking pollution.

Chief executive Leung Chun-ying has pledged to make pollution one of his top priorities during his five-year term, with an official report

saying it was the "greatest daily health risk" to the city's residents.

But at least one local environmental group was sceptical about the government's anti-pollution commitment, saying "one bus wouldn't make any difference" and that Hong Kong was lagging behind other global cities when it came to electric ve-

hicles.

The new single decker bus revealed Monday was manufactured by Chinese automaker BYD and is powered by lithium iron phosphate batteries that take three hours to charge and give the vehicle a range of about 180 kilometres (110 miles).

The same company produced the southern Chinese city's first electric taxis, which were launched in May.

Secretary for the Environment Wong Kam-shing said the government was investing HK\$180 million (\$23 million) in the pilot scheme, helping to subsidise the purchase of 36 electric buses by the end of next year that will be run by private companies.

New air quality objectives announced last year for seven pollutants including sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide were criticised as too little, too late and in August last year the city choked under

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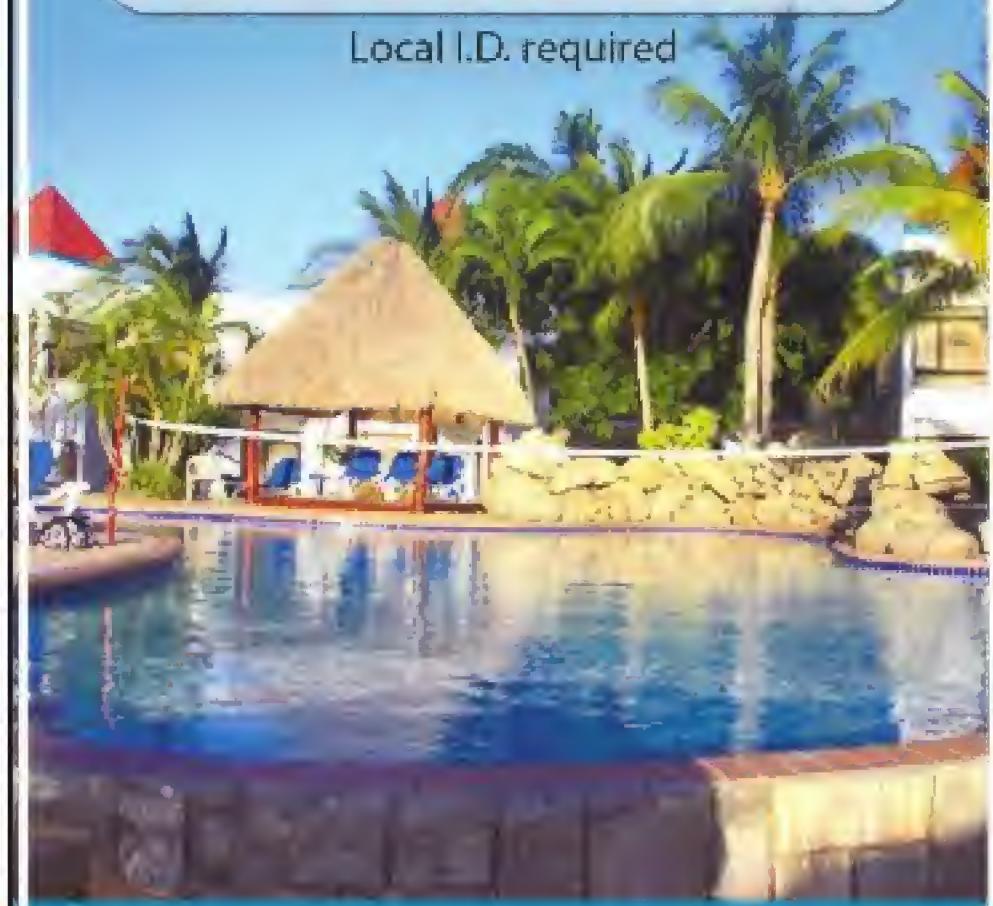
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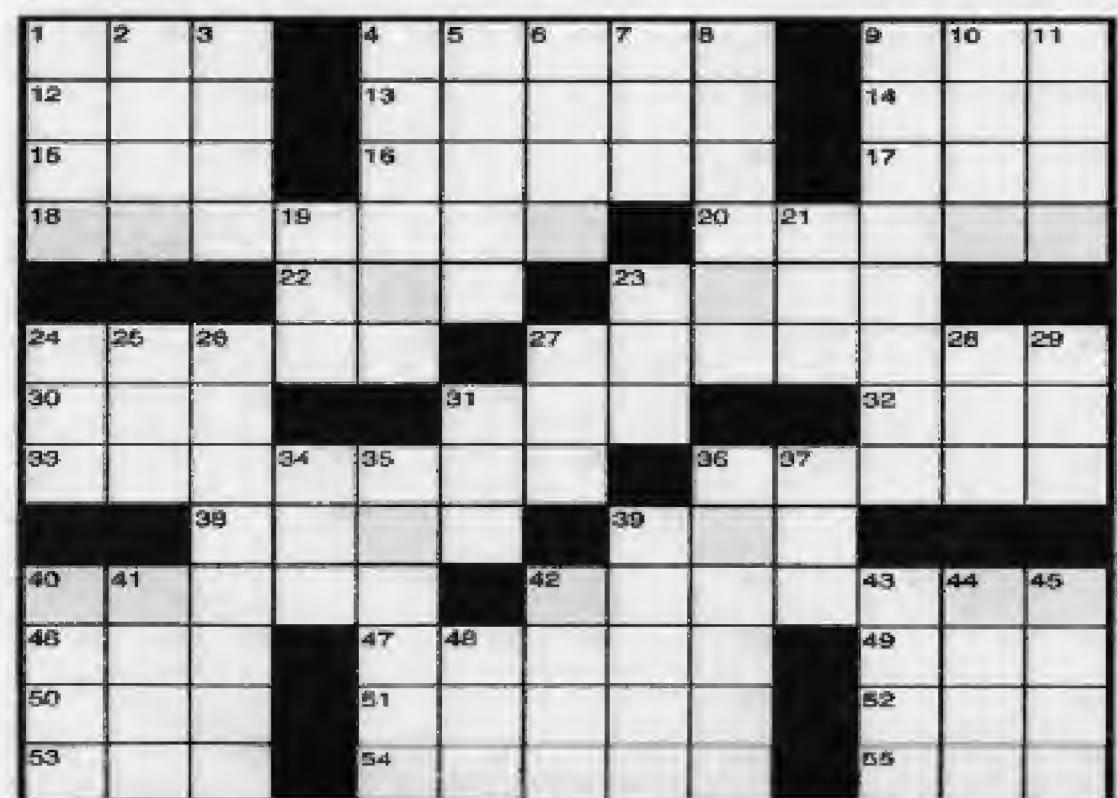
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9. Heredity initials
12. Pigeon's sound
13. Large bundles
14. Poet's "over"
15. British pilots gp.
16. Slither sneakily
17. "I have a dream" man (abbr.)
18. Hawaiian

guitar
20. Falls short
22. Curvy letter
23. Shortly
24. Hereditary factors
27. Rod of "Night Gallery"
30. ___ Baba
31. Charged particle
32. ___ whim (2 wds.)
33. Item sometimes dipped in an inkwell
36. Lions' locks
38. Stereo's relative (hyph.)
39. Tavern
40. Daisy's kin
42. Early Colonist

46. Singer
47. Divided
49. "Just ___ thought!" (2 wds.)
50. Greek letter
51. ___ coffee
52. "___ and Stimpy"
53. Bush's party (abbr.)
54. "___ Dawn"
55. ___ Miguel

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1. Light color
2. Long bath
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4. Become fixated
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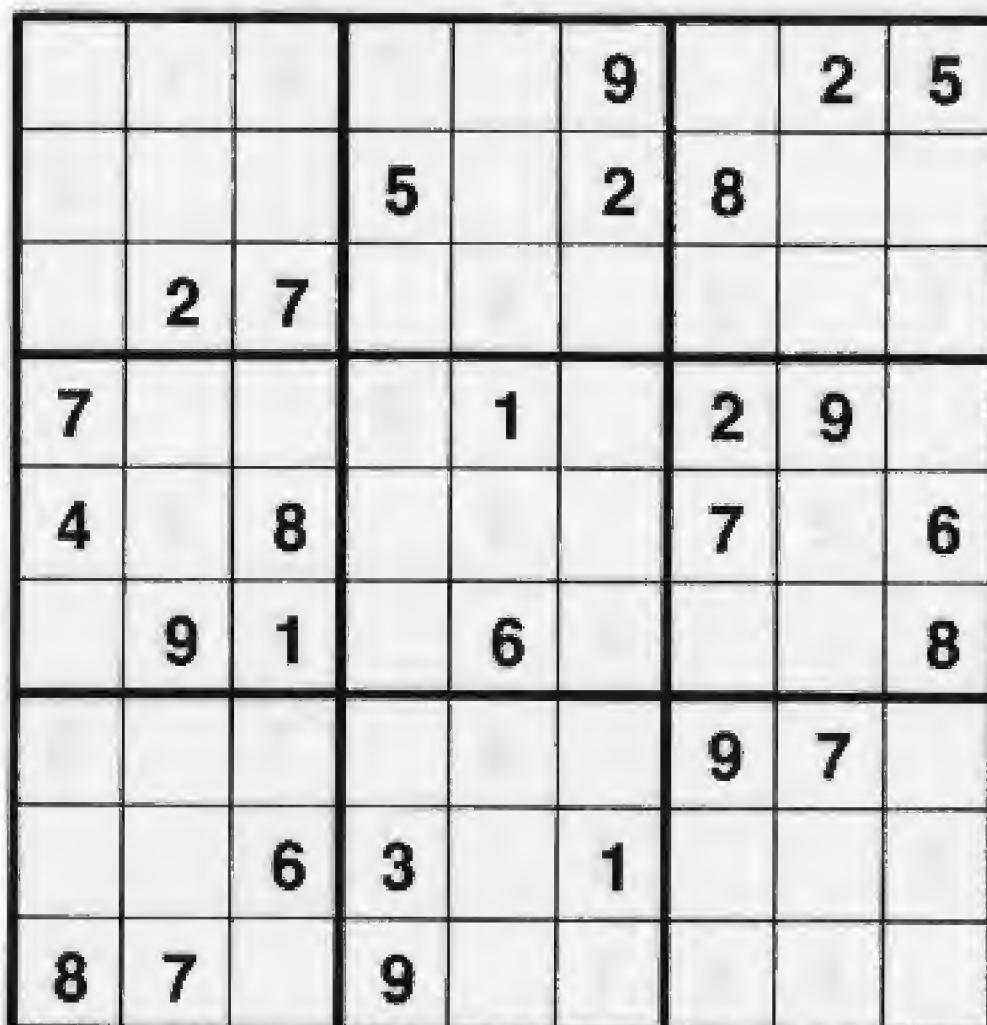
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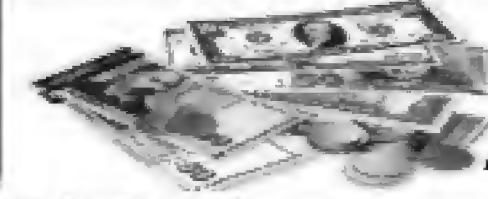
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5	2	4	6	8	3	1	7	9
6	8	7	9	2	4	5	3	6
7	3	6	1	4	8	9	2	5
8	5	2	7	6	3	4	1	8
9	4	1	8	5	7	2	6	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
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Shell opens compensation talks over massive Nigeria oil spill

PORT HARCOURT (AFP) - Anglo-Dutch energy giant Shell held compensation talks in Nigeria on Monday with leaders of a community devastated by two massive oil spills in 2008, activists said.

The talks were ongoing in Port Harcourt, capital of the southern Rivers State and the hub of Africa's largest oil industry.

About 15,000 residents of Bodo, a cluster of fishing villages in Rivers, are seeking millions of dollars of compensation over the spills.

"Shell officials and a team of lawyers from (Britain) are meeting... on how to compensate the affected villagers," the

head of the legal department of local NGO Environmental Rights Action (ERA), Chima Williams, told AFP.

Lawyers from the London-based firm Leigh Day are representing the Bodo community.

ERA was not directly involved in the talks but was monitoring on behalf of the affected community.

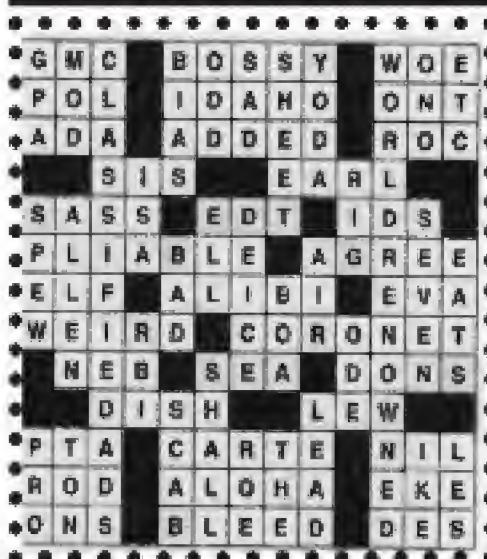
"We want Shell to adequately compensate the villagers as well as clean the spills that have polluted their environment and destroyed their means of livelihood," Williams said.

An official from the Anglo-Dutch oil major who requested anonymity also confirmed that talks were ongoing Monday, with no media allowed on site.

Activists estimate the spills to be between 500,000 and 600,000 barrels, but Shell which has admitted liability, disputes the amount of oil spilled and the extent of the damage.

Nigeria is the world's eighth largest oil producer, pumping some two million barrels a day, and Shell is the biggest producer in the west African country, where it has been drilling for over 50 years.

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FINANCE

US stocks rise helped by hint of Syria deal

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks Monday rose helped by optimism that a military strike on Syria might be avoided.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 140.62 (0.94 percent) to 15,063.12.

The broad-based S&P 500 increased 16.54 (1.00 percent) to 1,671.71, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index put on 46.17 (1.26) at 3,706.18.

Stocks opened higher Monday morning after strong Chinese export data suggested better times for the world's second-biggest economy.

The rally was given further strength by a Russian proposal to put Syrian chemical weapons under international control.

The US reacted cautiously to the plan, which comes as President Obama faces a skeptical reception in Congress to

plans to launch a military strike on Syria. Stocks moved higher at mid-day and stayed fairly high through the close.

Molex, a manufacturer of electronic components, surged 31.7 percent on news it is being acquired by Koch Industries for \$7.2 billion.

Technology giant Apple, the largest US company by market capitalization, shot up 1.6 percent ahead of a Tuesday event that is expected to launch new products.

Several other large technology firms also fared well, including Dow components Microsoft (up 1.6 percent) and Cisco (up 1.6 percent).

The biggest gain in the Dow came from industrial machinery manufacturer Caterpillar, which rose 2.6 percent. Cat often gains on positive China economic news because of its heavy leverage to the Chinese mining sector.

Computer maker Dell finished unchanged after activist Carl Icahn indicated he will not offer a counterproposal to the latest buyout offer from a consortium led by founder Michael Dell.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.90 percent from 2.94 percent Friday, while the 30-year dropped to 3.84 percent from 3.87 percent. Prices and yields move inversely.

On the downside, Bank of America said it would cut 2,100 jobs from its home mortgage unit as a key driver of the business, refinancing, has slowed down with higher interest rates.

In August, Wells Fargo, now the country's largest bank generator of mortgage loans, announced it was cutting 2,300 people from its home finance business, also pointing to the fall in refinancings due to the impact of rising interest rates.

Yahoo News names editor, plans major expansion

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Yahoo News named a new editor-in-chief Monday who comes from The New York Times and promised a "major expansion" of news gathering at the US Internet giant.

Megan Liberman, deputy news editor of The New York Times, started on Monday, taking the position which has been vacant since Hillary Frey left earlier this year.

Liberman "will lead a major expansion of Yahoo News, bringing in new voices and defining features for the site," the company said in a statement, noting that she would

"focus primarily on original reporting, social news gathering, video and live events coverage."

"As deputy news editor at The New York Times she drove some of the most successful digital initiatives, from its blog network to Nate Silver's multi-platform presence to live streamed coverage of the 2012 elections, Robertson Barrett, vice president of

Yahoo News and Finance.

At the Times, Liberman previously worked as deputy editor of the newspaper's magazine, where she was responsible for digital features

and strategy. She also directed the magazine's political coverage, and launched the Times's parenting blog, Motherlode.

Yahoo News is the most visited news website, according to the Web information site Alexa. The analytics website eBizMBA estimates it gets 110 million unique visitors monthly.

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'Riddick' steals top slot at N. America box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Warrior anti-hero "Riddick" slammed into first place at the North American box office, estimates indicated Sunday, stealing the top spot held by "Lee Daniels' The Butler" for three weeks running.

"Riddick," the latest in the action franchise starring Vin Diesel, took in \$18.7 million in its opening weekend, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

That was well ahead of "Lee Daniels' The Butler," which took in \$8.9 million in its fourth week in theaters.

That Oscar-tipped drama, about the civil rights era as seen through the eyes of a black White House servant played by Forest Whitaker, has earned nearly \$92 million since its release.

In third position, up three spots from a week ago, was comedy-drama "Instructions Not Included," Eugenio Derbez's movie about a Mexican playboy who is suddenly presented with the child from a previous liaison and forced to



become a father. The movie took in \$8.1 million.

Raunchy adult comedy "We're the Millers," dropped one position to fourth place. The film about drug smugglers posing as a suburban family, including Jennifer Aniston as a stripper, earned \$7.9 million in theaters.

The fifth spot was claimed by Disney's animated film "Planes," a spin-off from Pixar's "Cars" franchise, which took in \$4.3 million.

Man lost in Andes for 4 months found alive in Argentina



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentine authorities have rescued a 58-year-old Uruguayan man who had been lost in the Andes mountains since May. Raul Gomez Circunegui was spotted at the Sardina mountain shelter on Sunday, at an altitude of some 4,500 meters (nearly 15,000 feet) in the Los Patos Sur valley. Police then transferred him by helicopter to a hospital in the eponymous capital of western San Juan province. Rawson Hospital chief of operations Victor Olmos said Gomez was recovering in the intensive care unit but was "only dehydrated" and otherwise in good health. He also had signs of malnutrition. Gomez survived feeding on sugar and raisins he had with him, as well as food stored in mountain shelters, according to a police report. Gomez had been reported missing in May while he traveled by motorcycle from Uruguay to Chile. There, his motorcycle broke down so he decided to cross the Andes on foot. He said he became disoriented after heavy snowfall and was left stranded at an altitude of 4,000 meters. "I still cannot believe it. He came here and spoke by phone with his wife, his mother and daughter. He was very excited, though exhausted," San Juan Governor Jose Luis Gioja said. (Raul Fernando Gomez Circunegui, 58, shows his abdomen to rescuers in the shelter where he was found)

British boy band One Direction's new movie came in not far behind, with \$4.1 million, good enough for sixth place.

The take for "One Direction: This is Us" was far below the \$18.5 million earned over its debut during the Labor Day holiday weekend, but the concert documentary about the tween sensation, which has generated lukewarm reviews in the United States.

But with an estimated budget of around \$10 million, the movie had been expected to deliver a hugely profitable box-office hit for Sony. It is directed by Morgan Spurlock, best known for his 2004 fast-food expose "Super Size Me."

Seventh place was occupied by science-fiction drama "Elysium", the critically acclaimed blockbuster starring Matt Damon about wealthy humans living in an exclusive outer space colony after Earth is ruined.

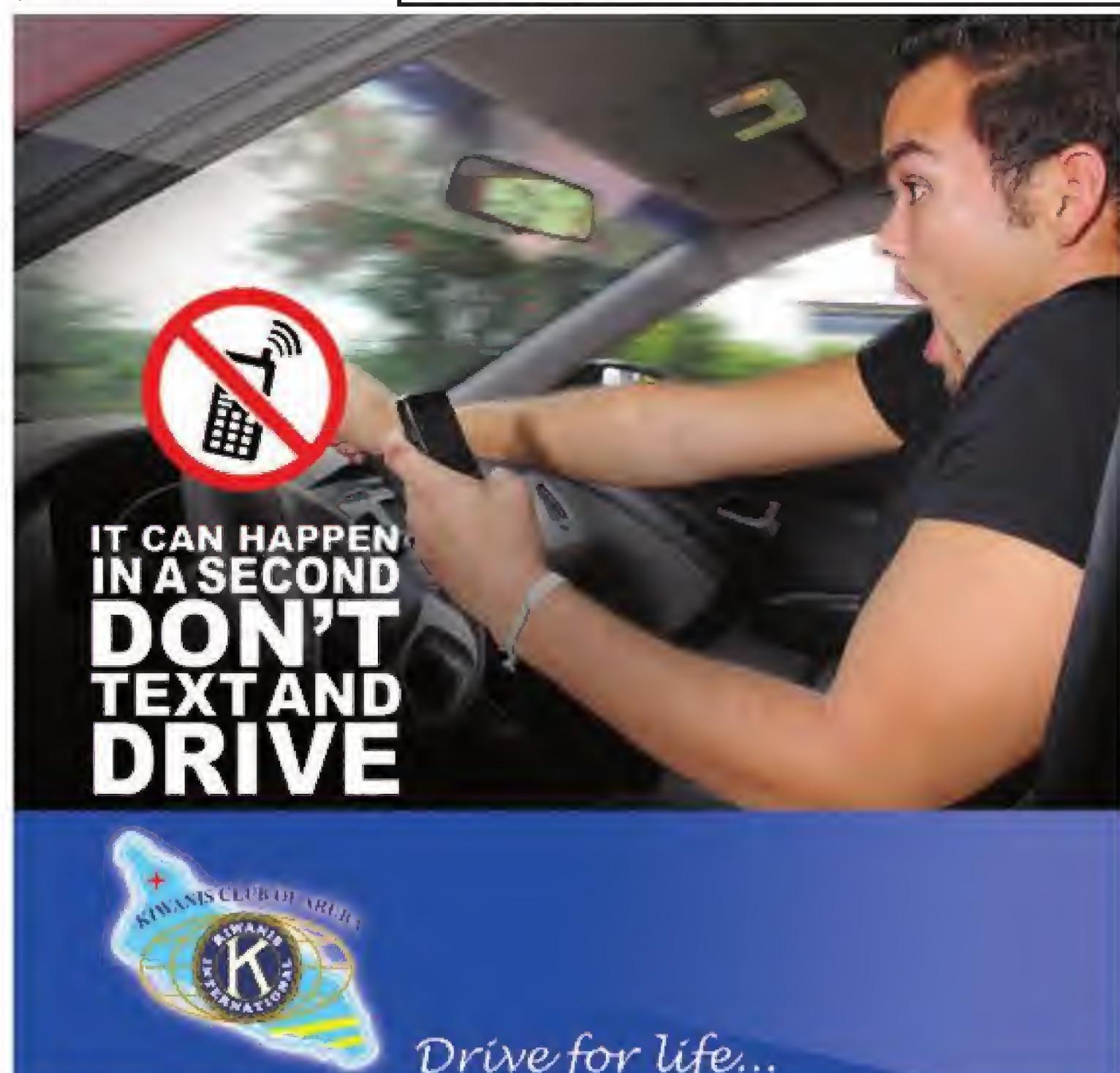
The film, directed by South Africa's Neill Blomkamp, added another \$3.1 million to take its five-week total to \$85.1 million.

Rounding out the top ten 10 were, Woody Allen's latest, "Blue Jasmine," with \$2.7 million, Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" with \$2.5 million, and British action disaster comedy "The World's End," with \$2.3 million.

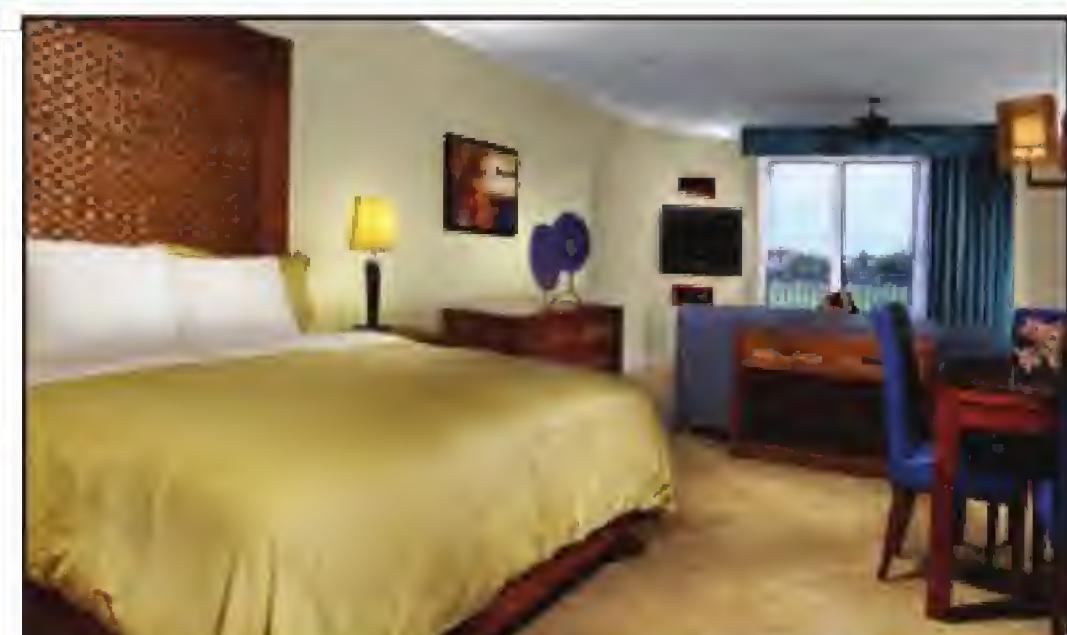
Long-lost Van Gogh painting unveiled in Amsterdam



AMSTERDAM (AFP) - Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum on Monday unveiled a newly discovered landscape painting from the height of the Dutch master's career, abandoned for years as a forgery in a Norwegian attic. "Sunset at Montmajour," a large oil landscape from 1888, was unveiled to applause by the museum's director Axel Rueger as a "unique experience that has not happened in the history of the Van Gogh Museum." Depicting a landscape of oaks in the south of France, the painting was brought to the museum from a private collection. Researchers set to work and authenticated it based on comparisons with Van Gogh's techniques, style, paint used and a letter he wrote on July 4 1888 in which he described the painting. It had been lying for years in the attic of a Norwegian collector who thought the painting was a forgery, after buying it in 1908. The long-lost painting was made at around the same time as some of Van Gogh's most famous works, including "Sunflowers" and "The Bedroom". "Unfortunately we cannot divulge too much about the identity of this collector as we need also to protect his privacy," Rueger said. "But what I can tell you is that the painting has been lying in the attic for most of this time." Rueger admitted that the museum had previously been approached by the collector "but we did not have the technology at the time to authenticate the painting."



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Delicious Breakfast

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dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8

a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,

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Mexico in turmoil heading into WC qualifier in US



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Mexico arrive in Ohio for today's crucial 2014 World Cup qualifier against the United States in turmoil, with Luis Fernando Tena tasked with getting them back on the road to the finals in Brazil.

Tena inherited the manager's job after Jose Manuel "Chepo" de la Torre was ruthlessly sacked, hours after an embarrassing 2-1 defeat by Honduras on Friday at Azteca Stadium, where Mexico once dominated all comers.

With the defeat, Mexico dropped to fourth in the CONCACAF six-nation final qualifying group with only the top three teams earning automatic berths at next year's showpiece event.

The fourth-placed team will play New Zealand for a spot, and Panama are just one point behind Mexico in fifth with three matches remaining.

Tena, an experienced assistant to de la Torre, acknowledged the seriousness of the situation, and voiced faith in his players.

Mexico are the reigning Olympic champions and 13-time World Cup participants, and haven't missed the finals since 1990.

Stars like Gio dos Santos and Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez will have to dig deep in what is sure to be a hostile environment in Columbus.

Jurgen Klinsmann's USA are coming off a setback of their own, a 3-1 defeat in Costa Rica on Friday that ended their 12-match winning streak.

The victory pushed Costa



Rica to the top of the table on 14 points, one more than the United States, whose qualification was at least postponed.

They'll try to bounce back without the scoring firepower from Jozy Altidore, Matt Besler, Geoff Cameron and Michael Bradley.

Altidore, Besler and Cameron received second yellow cards in San Jose on Friday and will serve one match suspensions, while key midfielder Bradley has been ruled out after spraining his left ankle in pre-match warm-ups in Costa Rica.

On Saturday, Klinsmann added four players to his squad: Club Tijuana midfielder Joe Corona, Houston Dynamo midfielder Brad Davis, San Jose Earthquakes defender Clarence Goodson and Tigres midfielder Jose Torres.

But the German said the defeat in Costa Rica didn't change his approach to the match against arch-rivals Mexico.

"We knew if we lost this game that Costa Rica would be in first place," Klinsmann said. "We know that it's going

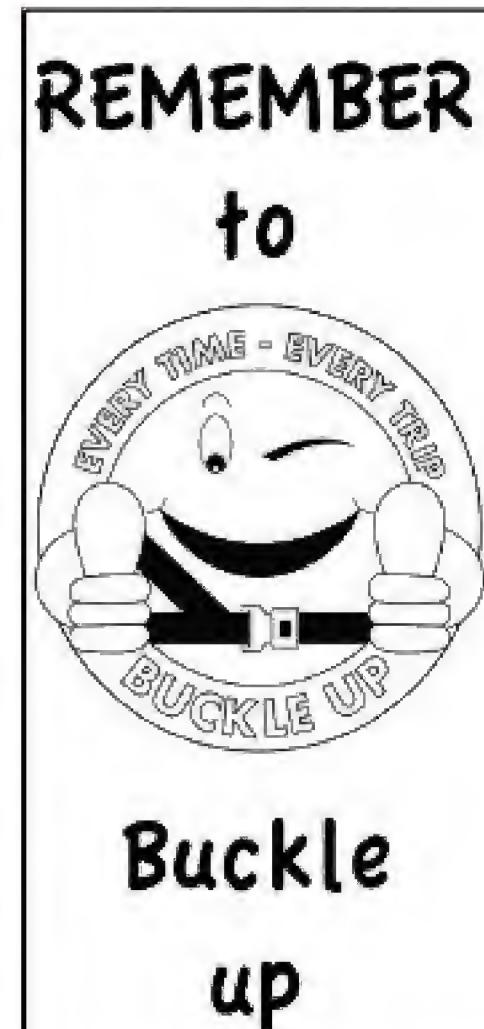
to go down to the wire and the last games. We need to have our four points at least to qualify. We will get those four points."

Costa Rica will try to consolidate their position when they visit Jamaica, who have yet to win a match and have three points from three draws.

Honduras -- who jumped to third on 10 points, three

behind the United States and two ahead of Mexico -- with their triumph in Mexico City, host Panama.

The Panamanians, in fifth on seven points, missed a golden opportunity on Friday when they were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Jamaica despite playing against ten men for the final 30 minutes.



MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	87	58	.600	—
TAMPA	78	64	.549	7.5
BALTIMORE	76	66	.535	9.5
YANKEES	76	67	.531	10.0
TORONTO	67	76	.469	19.0

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	85	57	.599	—
WASHINGTON	73	69	.514	12.0
PHILADELPHIA	66	77	.462	19.5
NY METS	64	77	.454	20.5
MIAMI	53	88	.376	31.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	82	61	.573	—
CLEVELAND	76	66	.535	5.5
KANSAS	75	68	.524	7.0
MINNESOTA	61	80	.433	20.0
CHICAGO	57	85	.401	24.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	83	60	.580	—
TEXAS	81	61	.570	1.5
LA ANGELES	67	75	.472	15.5
SEATTLE	65	78	.455	18.0
HOUSTON	47	96	.329	36.0

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Argentina, Colombia set to seal Brazil berth

MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - Argentina and Colombia need only a point each to guarantee their places at the World Cup today -- and more teams from South America could also confirm their tickets depending on results.

The Argentines travel to Asuncion to face resurgent Paraguay, who are all but mathematically eliminated despite recording a thumping 4-0 win over Bolivia in Friday's round of qualifiers.

Argentina coach Alejandro Sabella is without four first choice players following the bruising clash with Ecuador in June, with Gonzalo Higuain, Javier Mascherano and defenders Federico Fernandez and Ezequiel Garay suspended.

Argentina were 3-1 winners over the Paraguayans in their home fixture a year ago, and Paraguay, quarter-finalists at the 2010 World Cup, have had a miserable campaign which leaves them languishing second from bottom of the standings.

However, under new coach Victor Genes, the Paraguayans have shown signs of a recovery, securing a creditable 3-3 draw in a friendly with Germany in August before Friday's big win.

Paraguay's resurgence has probably come too late -- it would take an unlikely sequence of results elsewhere for them to scrape into contention for a play-off berth -- but they could well cause problems for Argentina on Tuesday.

Argentina's game against Paraguay is the last of four South American qualifiers to kick off on today. Argentina are already guaranteed at least a play-off spot but could be assured of automatic qualifica-

tion before a ball is kicked in Asuncion if results elsewhere go their way.

Second-placed Colombia meanwhile face the trickiest test of any of the leading contenders when they travel to Montevideo to face two-time World Cup winners Uruguay.

The Uruguayans have struggled through the qualifying campaign but dug out a vital 2-1 victory over Peru in Lima last Friday thanks to two goals from their talismanic Liverpool striker Luis Suarez.

That result saw the 2010 World Cup semi-finalists tighten their grip on fifth place, and another three points against the highly rated Colombians would all but guarantee them at least a play-off spot.

Colombia all but secured a top-five finish after their 1-0 win over Ecuador in Barranquilla on Friday and look certain to be heading to their first World Cup since their appearance at the 1998 finals in France.

Elsewhere fourth placed Ecuador travel to La Paz to face Bolivia in a high-altitude derby. A win for Ecuador would put them level on points with third placed Chile, who have a bye.

Venezuela and Peru meanwhile face a must-win game but depending on the results of Tuesday's earlier games involving fourth-placed Ecuador and fifth-placed Uruguay, their faint hopes may already have been extinguished.

The top four finishers in South America's qualifiers are guaranteed places at next year's finals in Brazil. The fifth placed team faces a two-legged play-off with their Asian counterpart, either Jordan or Uzbekistan.

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NFL: 49ers down Packers in playoff rematch

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Colin Kaepernick threw for a 412 yards and three touchdowns to lead San Francisco to a 34-28 season-opening triumph over Green Bay on Sunday in an NFL playoff rematch.

Frank Gore's one-yard touchdown gave the 49ers the lead late in the fourth quarter as San Francisco -- who fell to Baltimore in the Super Bowl in February -- launched their bid to return to the NFL's championship spectacular on the first Sunday of the season.

Kaepernick completed 27-of-39 passes and became the first 49ers signal-caller to throw for more than 400 yards since Tim Rattay in 2004.



Anquan Boldin, acquired from Baltimore for a sixth-round pick in the offseason, emerged immediately as Kaepernick's favorite target, catching 13 passes for 208 yards and a touchdown.

Aaron Rodgers finished 21-of-37, passing for 333 yards, three touchdowns and one interception for the Packers, who won the NFC North division last year but were ousted from the playoffs by San Francisco.

The New Orleans Saints welcomed coach Sean Payton back after a season-long ban over the pay-for-injury

with a convincing 28-2 win at Jacksonville.

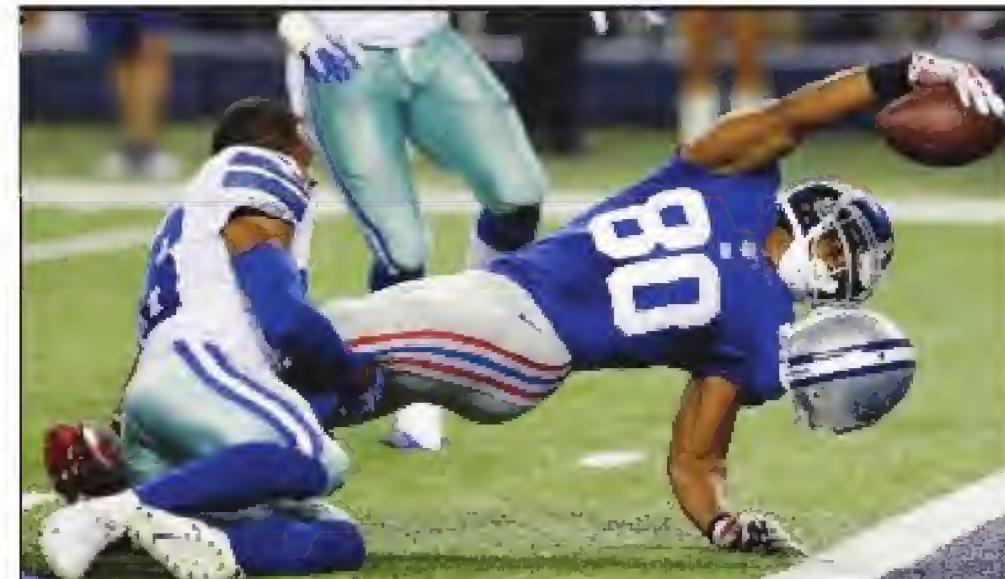
Former 49ers quarterback Alex Smith threw two touchdown passes and Jamaal Charles ran for a score to give former Eagles coach Andy Reid a victory in his first game at the helm of the Chiefs.

In Dallas, the Cowboys forced six turnovers -- including an interception that Brandon Carr returned 49 yards for a game-clinching touchdown late in the fourth quarter -- in a 36-31 victory over NFC East foes the New York Giants.

New York Jets and rookie



Shane Vereen, covering up



New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz (80) makes a 18-yard touchdown as Dallas Cowboys safety Will Allen (26) loses his helmet

touchdown passes and ran for the go-ahead TD as the Colts rallied to beat the Oakland Raiders 21-17.

The Tennessee Titans shocked Ben Roethlisberger and Pittsburgh 16-9, the defeat proving even more costly for the Steelers after injuries to Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey and linebacker Larry Foote.

Pouncey exited in the first quarter and will need surgery to repair two torn right knee ligaments, and Foote will need surgery on a ruptured biceps.

Kansas City, trying to turn things around after a dismal 2-14 campaign in 2012, opened

quarterback Geno Smith emerged with a thrilling 18-17 victory over Tampa Bay.

After a 10-yard scramble with seven seconds left, Smith was shoved while out of bounds by Tampa Bay's Lavonte David.

The 15-yard penalty set the Jets up for Nick Folk to kick a game-winning 48-yard field goal with two seconds left.

In other games, Miami defeated Cleveland 23-10, Chicago edged Cincinnati 24-21, Detroit beat NFC North Rivals Minnesota 34-24 and St. Louis beat Arizona 27-24 in a clash of NFC West division rivals.

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"bounty" scandal with a 23-17 victory over NFC South division rivals Atlanta.

Drew Brees threw for 357

perstar quarterback Tom Brady in the drive that set up Gostkowski's field goal.

Seattle, aiming to contend in

World Cup not for European convenience - Blatter

PARIS (AFP) - FIFA president Sepp Blatter defended his support of switching the 2022 World Cup to winter in Qatar, saying in an interview published on Monday that rescheduling reflected the sport's worldwide appeal.

Blatter told Inside World Football that members of the federation who have complained about the proposed change in dates should have been well aware of the possibility, as it was contained in the bidding process documents.

European countries, in particular England, have cried foul at the possibility of holding the world's most-watched sporting event in January and February because Qatar initially bid to host the tournament in the June-July close season in Europe and changing the dates would disrupt their domestic leagues.

Temperatures in Qatar can reach a blistering 50 degrees Celsius (122 degrees Fahrenheit) but cool to the mid-20s in December.

Blatter accepted that, despite knowing that technology was available to cool venues, playing in Qatar's summer was "simply not a responsible thing to do".

But he said there needed to be flexibility to ensure that as many countries as possible have the chance to host the tournament, rather than it being organised to suit European nations.

Blatter said he would raise the issue at FIFA's next executive committee meeting on October 3-4 before consulting more widely on the impact of rescheduling on the international calendar.

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Serena Williams wins fifth US Open, 17th Slam title

NEW YORK (AFP) - World number one Serena Williams captured her fifth US Open title, and second in a row, by outlasting second-ranked Victoria Azarenka 7-5, 6-7 (6/8), 6-1 Sunday to claim her 17th career Grand Slam crown.

The 31-year-old American became the oldest Open Era women's winner in US Open history, 293 days older than Margaret Court when she set the prior mark in 1973, and the third-oldest Grand Slam women's champion of the Open Era.



Williams won \$3.6 million, including a \$1 million bonus for her success in US open tuneup events.

She is the first top-seeded champion since Justine Henin in 2007 and the first woman to defend the US Open crown since Kim Clijsters in 2010.

Williams won a rematch of last year's US Open final that gave her and Azarenka a combined total of six of the eight major titles from the past two years.

Williams improved to 13-3 in their rivalry but two-time

Australian Open champion Azarenka had won two of the previous three, most recently in last month's Cincinnati final.

Williams matched Steffi Graf for second on the Open Era list with five US Open trophies, one shy of Chris Evert's record, and moved one adrift of Martina Navratilova and Evert for second on the Open Era Slam win list.

Williams became the first woman since Justine Henin in 2007 to win the US and French Opens in the same year.